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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of the Divisional Application under Rule 1.53(b), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph immediately following the title of the application and before the Background Of The Invention:

-- This is a divisional of Serial No. 09/476,429, filed on December 30, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12-14.

Respectfully submitted,

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